

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's comments.

Claim 25 has been deemed anticipated by Fujishima et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Specifically, it has been stated that the subject matter of Figure 15 and that of Figure 19 anticipate claim 25.

Claim 1 has been deemed obvious over Fujishima (Figures 15 and 19).

Claim 1 calls for three field plates disposed over a resurf region.

Claim 25 also calls for three field plates disposed over a resurf region.

On the other hand, Figure 15 only shows field plate FP1 and region 9 over region 20. Figure 15 does not show a third field plate in combination with a resurf region as called for by the claims.

Furthermore, Figure 19 does not show a resurf region. That is, Figure 19 does not show three field plates in combination with a resurf region as called for by the claims.

Thus, Fujishima et al. does not show a single example that includes the combination of three field plates and a resurf region in one combination.

Claim 1 and claim 25 further call for:

wherein said first field plate includes a first portion spaced from a second portion by a first gap, said second field plate includes a first portion spaced from a second portion by a second gap, and said third field plate includes a first portion spaced from a second portion by a third gap, and wherein said first gap is wider than said second gap and said third gap, and said second gap is wider than said third gap

However, none of the examples set forth in Fujishima et al. includes a first field plate having a first portion spaced from a second portion by a first gap in combination with other limitations set forth in claims 1 and 25.

Claims 1 and 25 should, therefore, be deemed allowable over the art of record.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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